**Conversion cost of formulations**

3018. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the basis on which 10 per cent extra is being paid in conversion cost of formulations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): As on date, no such extra payment in Conversion Cost of formulations is being given.

**Prices of Chloramphenicol**

3019. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not revised the price of Chloramphenicol ex-L base;

(b) if so, what are the the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the present price of L-Base as well as the price of Chloramphenicol from this stage;

(d) whether it is a fact that basic producers are not selling Chloramphenicol to others as a result there is scarcity of the drug;

(e) the names of producers of Chloramphenicol from basic stage alongwith production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(f) what was the sale of each to non-associated formulators during the above period;

(g) what steps have been taken to examine the matter in totality and to ensure adequate availability at fair prices; and

(h) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The price of Chloramphenicol powder made ex L-base has not yet been revised under the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(b). (g) and (h) BICP has not sent the Cost Price Report and necessary action would be taken on receipt of the same.

(c) The average landed cost of L-base during the year 1987-88 is about Rs. 1240 per kg.

(d) No such specific instance has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(e) The details, to the extent available are given bleow:

Production in M.T.

| Name of the Producer | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|---|
| M/s Boehirnger Knoll | 55.56 | 30.99 | 36.06 |
| M/s Parke Davis | 24.19 | 23 03 | 29.16 |

(f) Sales turnover of producers are not monitored.

**Prices of Dextropropoxyphene formulations**

3020. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry fixed the prices of Dextropropoxyphene bulk drug under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, when and what was the price fixed per kg.;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry fixed the prices of formulations based on this drug;

(d) if so, when and what were the prices fixed;